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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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Tadafumi YOKOTA, et al.

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For: PRODUCTION METHOD OF KEYTONE COMPOUND

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 5, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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In addition, Applicants submit that Bost is different from the present invention in its reaction mechanism, as noted above.

Accordingly, even if Bost could be combined with Nakajima, Applicants submit that the present invention is not taught or suggested at all.

Thus, Applicants submit that the present invention is not obvious over Bost and Nakajima et al, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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